

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

MISSION

The First-Generation Student Success Center is dedicated to empowering first-generation students through personalized mentoring, academic resources, and community-building initiatives. We aim to address the unique challenges faced by first-generation students and provide them with the connections and supports needed to thrive in their education, their career, and beyond.



From the beginning, the program connected me with incredible mentors who were always there to support me not just with school, but with life in general. The First Steps Mentoring Program was an amazing program to be a part of.

Jared Coca, First Steps Mentoring Participant

STUDENT OUTCOMES

First-Generation students often lack access to networks and mentorship. These programs empower students to build confidence, navigate the intricate details of UVU, and enter the post-college life prepared and resilient.

STUDENT IMPACT AREAS

- Career Readiness
- Confidence & Resilience
- College Success
- Goal Setting & Leadership

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Students feel safe, welcome, respected, and appreciated
- Students gain access to financial aid, scholarships, and support resources
- Students are confident in navigating college and campus life



Empowering first-generation students through community, advocacy, and mentorship at UVU

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STUDENT SUCCESS

- 19,331 First-Gen students enrolled at UVU, comprising 41% of the student population
- 3,587 first gen students graduated in Spring 2024
- Awarded \$208,051 in scholarships to first-gen students
- Launched 3 mentorship programs, focusing on college success, career readiness, and academic support
- Hosted 58 events in or connected to our center, reaching a total of 6,213 students or more
- Increased participation in National First Generation College Student Week by 11,700 percent from 2023 to 2024. (13 participants in 2023 to 1,534 in 2024)
- Facilitated 230+ student success coaching appointments.



First Gen programs are essential because they provide the support and guidance that many First Gen students lack at home. For me, having access to resources and people who understand my experience has been invaluable, helping me succeed where I might have struggled alone.

Luciana Marchitelli, First Gen Crew 2025 Graduate

2025-2026 GOALS

- Connect with academic departments to embed first-gen supports in courses during the first week of classes.
- Reach 10,000 students through first-gen events, workshops, activities, and student appointments.
- Expand the peer mentoring program, dedicated to success coaching, student training, and improved college navigation by conducting 250 individual student appointments and 20 student engagement events.
- Connect with 3-5 new prospective donors.
- Create a robust social media presence, providing a platform for students to be informed and engaged with the First Gen Center
- Create an event and center check in system that allows us to verify first-gen status and better assess the effectiveness of projects, activities, and events.



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